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# 24-32 VIEW STREET ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRECINCT

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## Location

24-32 VIEW STREET (REAR) BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0609

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The site is of archaeological, historical and social significance. It has high archaeological potential to provide evidence relating to the activities that took place there from 1852 as a government camp, court of law and residence. Evidence may include cesspits, footings and postholes of built structures and fences etc.

Interpretation of Site   Government Camp   Law Court   Residence

Other Names        FORMER DISTRICT POLICE COURT SITE, BENDIGO,

Hermes Number       23433

Property Number

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## History

The first police court, a canvas tent structure, was erected in 1852 on the present site which at the time was sited within the boundaries of the Government Camp, established in the same year. A log and bark lockup (1852) was constructed to the northwest of the court. In 1853 a more substantial court building, which remains in a ruinous condition, was constructed to the southwest of the original canvas court and was presided over by Police Magistrate, Lachlan McLachlan (aka Bendigo Mac) until May 1871. A short time after McLachlan's retirement the site was occupied by Mr. Robert Strickland. Strickland purchased the building in 1874 from the Government. In 1878 Dr. Oliver Penfold, who discovered calf lymph vaccination in the treatment of smallpox, acquired the property and constructed the Penfold Building (1879) adjoining the rear of the court with a frontage to View Street, as his place of work and residence.

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